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DATES TO REMEMBER

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday July 5, 2007 - 7 PM
Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.
VE Testing @ 6:00 - Door Prizes

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

2007 Slidell Hamfest - July 21
West Central Louisiana ARC - Aug. 11

Each Wednesday

Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery
Check 146.820 - repeater for info

Each Monday, 7:00 p.m.

AARA Net 146.820 - 600

Each Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

ARES Net 145.370 - 600 PL 103.5
YL/XYL / Filly Net 146.820 - 600

1st & 3rd Friday, 1:00 p.m.

HEAL Net 146.820 - 600

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our President, Stratos Imvriotis KE5I, happens to be on vacation with the family in his native country Greece at this time. We hope he is enjoying being with friends and relatives there and returns safely with a lot to tell us about his trip. In the meantime I will try to fill in for him.

Remember back to Field Day 2001? I can hardly remember things that happened a week ago, sign of old age, huh? Well if you can remember, our Field Day was held at Cajun Field on the corner of Bertrand and Congress St. While we were setting up the trailer tower with the big American Flag on top, a couple of "out-of-state" ham radio operators happened to be driving down Bertrand Drive. They spotted the tower and putting 2 & 2 together came to the conclusion that it was a Field Day event. They drove over and visited with our group for a few hours and then continued their trip to San Antonio, TX. Their names are Cindy KA9PZG & Skip Douglas KA9DDN of Grafton, Wisconsin. They really enjoyed visiting with a "Cajun Field Day" group.



I have had numerous contacts via e-mail with Cindy and she keeps up with us via the LARC on line.

A few days before our 2007 Field Day, Cindy & Skip were passing through Lafayette on their way to San Antonio and they gave me a shout on the 146.82 repeater. We had a nice QSO, they were sorry that they would miss our Field Day and really would have liked to visit again.

One of the NTS Traffic messages sent for Field Day was to them. I received this message from them on Saturday June 30th.

Hi, Herman!!

Thought I'd email you and let you know we got home in fine shape, even though it was about as hot up here as it was down by you folks! Since this past Monday, we dropped into the low-mid '70's during the day and having lows of near 58 some evenings!!! Wow—what a change in weather!!!

Say; Skip and I got your "radiogram" message last Wednesday evening from one of our member friends! One of our members was handling traffic and found your message from Field Day to us! How nice to do that!!! Hope you guys did well this weekend at your newer site!

Not sure how well our Ozaukee Radio Club did, but I think we did ok.

It's nearing 11:00 pm Friday evening, and I think I'll call it quits for the nite. Got a busy day tomorrow. But we wanted to make sure we connected again and that you had our email address.

Have a great summer, and give our best to those people we "know" from that one Field Day weekend a few years ago—funny how relationships begin, isn't it??

Cindy & Skip

Herman KN5GRK
LARC Editor

AARA June Activities

On Saturday June 9, 2007 members of the AARA helped out with the Children's Museum of Acadiana "Ice Cream "Freeze Off" Festival by manning the club K5CMA Amateur Radio Station.

This weekend had numerous Museum Ships operating "special event stations" including some nice DX stations on the air. Some of the children and parents had a chance to make some contacts with these stations which really impressed them. Some of the visitors were teenagers who had volunteered to help the CMA during the weekend.

Volunteers from the AARA that helped out were Roland NA5Q, Nick K5QXJ, John KA5BSE & Maureena KB5SMX, J.C. WO5G, Larry KE5KJD & Sandi KE5KJF, Rick N5RLM & Joy N5YCS, Dick WA6MDI & Katie KA6RKI, and Herman KN5GRK.



On Sunday June 10, 2007 members of AARA went to the Red Cross Building in Scott, LA to remove a 4 KW 2 cylinder Onan generator from a RV camper that was headed for the salvage yard. Tony Credeur, director of the Lafayette Chapter of the American Red Cross had asked the club if it could use it for emergency power and the answer was "YES"! It needs some work, but seems to be in good physical shape.

Those that helped dismantle the generator from the RV were: John KA5BSE, Danny KD5JSM, Doug KE4GQE, Shannon KE5CKT, Dick WA6MDI, Ken KD5YWB, Albert KF5WP, and Mike KE5AWZ. Shannon's Son was there to watch for fire while the cutting torch was in operation.



Pictured standing left to right: Joy Breaux N5YCS, John Martin KA5BSE, Herman Campbell KN5GRK, Roland Guidry NA5Q and Mayor James Petitjean (seated).

On Monday June 11th, at 2:00 PM, members of the AARA met with James J. Petitjean, Mayor of the City of Rayne, Louisiana to witness the signing of a Proclamation declaring the week of June 17th thru 24th as "**Amateur Radio Week**".

This Proclamation is in conjunction with the ARRL Field Day activities held in Gossen Memorial Park in Rayne on Saturday and Sunday June 23rd and 24th in the newly built large pavilion.

The AARA would like to extend our "Thanks" to the City of Rayne, Louisiana for the use of their facilities and for the help we received from the park employees.

Mayor Petitjean stated that anyone participating in our Field Day activities may use the campgrounds free of charge for campers and RV's.

The City of Rayne, Louisiana is to be commended in taking interest in our Amateur Radio group.

FIELD DAY REPORT

By Charlie Morrison KI5XP (FD Chairperson)

2007 Field Day has come and gone, and I think was an awesome success. First, my hats off and a huge thanks to all that helped. From the food and drinks to setup and tear down, it was all a great weekend. We suffered a bit of adversity with the second station thanks to a REALLY long mobile antenna, but that's what it's all about. We've learned, and bet you next year, we won't forget the orange flagging.

Things changed this year, we went from 2A down to 1A, and operated 2 separate stations. This was a major change in the plans and how things were done previously. As such, a lot of the scenarios that we were prepared for previously were completely different. The venue also changed, so this handed us yet another revision. With Roland's leadership and ideas, we managed to scrap the two stations together and get on the air for some fun.

The Frog Festival Pavilion was a welcome change. Plenty of space to spare us from the potential rain and keep the sun off of our heads. The W5DDL station was slated for setup in the Sheriff's camper, but due to the failure of the electricity, it got moved to Amos. The W5EXI station which was set for AMOS was setup under the pavilion, next to the general gathering area. I think this made it more welcome than being off in the corner anyway, as it was easy access for anyone to operate at any time. Things changed a bit towards the evening when we lost the tribander due to "the accident", but we strung the 40/80 dipole up and continued hammering on into the night. Once again, the Richards (Jay, Joey and Pam) kept the midnight oil burning until Allen KD5OZJ came in for relief and racked up close to 400 qso's on the W5EXI station!

The W5DDL station was mainly operated by W5ZR Bert, WR5U Mike, K5UA Charles, N5AN Bud, and myself. This station made over 1400 qso's on CW alone!! Job well done fellas!

We learned plenty this year, and I would say that, at times, we operated under adverse conditions. We went through antenna repairs in the middle of the night, restringing dipoles from "the accident", generators that were huffing and puffing running the entire rig, computer crashes and of course the mosquitoes. It all came to an end on Sunday with the annual NA5Q mega bar-b-que, and once again, Roland didn't disappoint. All the fixings brought by all of the club members added to the great wrap up dinner, and the tear down crew completed a speedy and awesome pack up.

Thanks go out to everyone who performed their volunteer duties wonderfully. Some seemed to be there just for the setup and tear down, and never even got a chance to operate. To those of you, hang around a bit more next year, and get on the air! It's a great introduction in a very relaxed manner to contesting. Take it from me, even I had the chance to operate the CW station for about 2 hours (with help of course), and that's not something I would normally be able to do in a contest. The operators are very patient, very kind, and most are as new as you. Get Field Day licked, and you too could hang with the big dogs one day.

The following is a summary of the scores of the AARA Field Day 2007 in Rayne, Louisiana

Call Used: W5DDL ARRL/RAC Section: 1A Participants: 39

Club Name: Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc.

Power Source: 5KW Onan Generator Power Multiplier: 2X

BONUS POINTS

100% Emergency Power	100
Media Publicity	100
Set-up in Public Place	100
Information Booth	100
NTS Message to ARRL SM/SEC	100
W1AW Field Day Message	100
Formal NTS Traffic handled =10	100
Site visit by invited served agency official	100
Submitted report via the web	50
TOTAL BONUS POINTS:	850

Band/Mode QSO Breakdown:

	BAND	CW	POWER	PHONE	POWER
	160 meters	-	-	-	-
	80 meters	-	-	-	-
	40 meters	633	100	-	-
	20 meters	543	100	8	100
	15 meters	78	100	58	100
	10 meters	-	-	-	-
	6 meters	-	-	-	-
	2 meters	-	-	-	-
	1.25 meters	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:		1354		66	

SCORE SUMMARY

	CW	PHONE
Total QSO's	1354	66
Total Points	2708	66

Field Day Claimed score for W5DDL = 5,548 points

FIELD DAY EXCITEMENT!

Field Day is the second largest event of the year for our club, with the largest being our Hamfest. We all look forward to both to get a glimpse of old and new technology and how we can put them to use.

Field Day is one event that presents a way we can use our skills during emergency conditions and a way we can find out things that we do wrong. This year we noted many! Hopefully we can be prepared in case we run into them in a real emergency. But all in all, I think we all enjoyed the fellowship, good food and just getting out of the house and looking forward to next year's Field Day.

Field Day 2007 was a "Go for the Win" which mainly was a "contest" weekend and some of the group wanted to operate just for fun, but no such case. Next year plans are to have a "Fun Field Day", no seeing how many points we can get but just operate for the sake of operating. We plan to have numerous stations set up operating different bands and modes to let everyone get a chance to operate, even those without a license.

I took a few pictures at the Field Day and plan to have some of them on the internet by the time you read the LARC, so check out this link and look for Field Day 2007. <http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/gallery.htm>

Herman KN5GRK—Editor

Here are a few that I took.



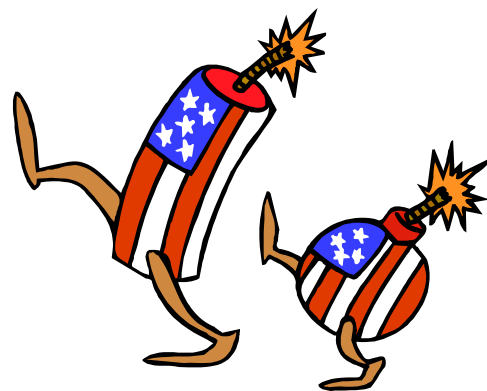
7/1	CHARLES	K5UA
7/10	SCOTTIE	KE5LBN
7/13	JARED	K35NIQ
7/18	JOY	N5YCS
7/21	JOHN	NQ2V
7/22	RICK	N5RLM
7/25	PATRICIA	KE5LCD
7/27	CALVIN	KD5JCT
8/2	ROBERT	N5OA



Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership application, this is why some may not be listed.

JUNE NEW & RENEWAL MEMBERS

JAMES PALMER III	AE5V
JAY RICHARD	KC5BYD
PAM RICHARD	KC5IOD
CHARLES FONTENOT	K5UA



**Have a Safe & Happy
4th of July !**

“Thanks” to our Field Day Contributors

The AARA would like to express our “THANKS” to the following businesses that made contributions to our Field Day event in Rayne, LA on the weekend of June 23 & 24, 2007.



Dairy Queen
Carlos Fuentes, Mgr.
1320 The Boulevard
Rayne, LA 70578

Pizza Hut
Lou Colon, Mgr.
800 The Boulevard
Rayne, LA 70578



Acadiana Bottling Company, Inc.
Dawn DeMay, Executive Assistant
700 Kaliste Saloom Road
Lafayette, LA 70505

Lafayette Bottling Company, Inc.
James Doucet, Special Events
1314 Eraste Landry Road
Lafayette, LA 70506



SLIDELL HAMFEST 2007

Sponsored by: OZONE ARC
Saturday—July 21st
8:00 AM—2:30 PM
Slidell City Auditorium
Admission : \$5.00 (includes 1 raffle ticket)
Talk-in: 147.27/87 PL 114.8

Commercial Dealers
Sign Man of Baton Rouge / MFJ
Bamcom / MCM Computers
Cedar City / Memphis Electronics
Flea Market Tables
\$7.00 each with 2 chairs
(does not include admission)

**VE TESTING—QLF CONTEST
FORUMS—MAIN PRIZES
CARD CHECKING (WAS etc)
HOURLY DOOR PRIZES
LADIES RAFFLE**

For more information e-mail Mike King at: w5py@arrl.net

Upcoming AARA Events for 2007

September

Amateur Radio Awareness Day
Marquis de Lafayette Special Event

October

Jamboree on the Air

November

Cajun Cup Run
Scott, Louisiana Anniversary

December

Cajun Cup Half Marathon

We will probably doing some more Special Events such as the SkyWarn Recognition Day, the Salvation Army Recognition Day, the dates and times will be posted in future issues of the LARC.

These events will need some volunteers to help make them a success. Do your part by volunteering and having some of the fun of getting on the air.

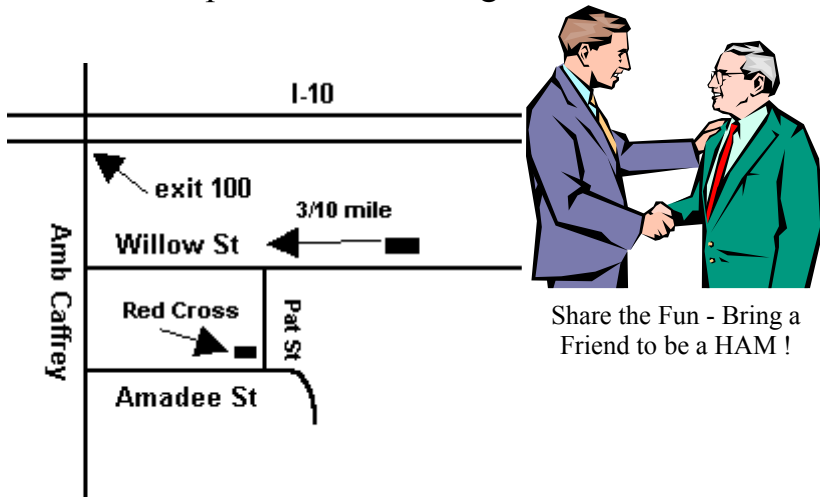
July Special Events & Contests

July 1-5	Canada Day Contest
July 4	W8FY —Holiday at Home—Van Wert County Museum—Van Wert, OH
July 4	W7VW —4th of July Street Fair—Klamath Falls, OR
July 4	W7PX —Independence Day at Fort Missoula—Missoula, MT
July 4	K4RC —Colonial Williamsburg July 4th—Williamsburg, VA
July 7 & 8	IARU HF World Championship Contest
July 7	K4F —Smithville Fiddler's Jamboree & Crafts Festival—Smithville, TN
July 8 & 9	W7FLY —Celebrating the rollout of the Boeing 787 Dreamliner
July 11-15	N5UDE —Nude Awareness Celebration—Austin, TX
July 13 & 14	W1E —Celebrating of traditional bad luck day—Burley, WA
July 21 & 22	North American RTTY QSO Party
July 21 & 22	WT4RA —400th Anniversary of the First Colony in America—Surry, VA
July 27-29	W8M —50th Anniversary of the opening of the Mackinac Straits Bridge, Marquette, MI

These are just a few of the Special Events & Contests
Check QST or ARRL Website for details and QSL information.

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AARA GENERAL MEETING — July 5, 2007
Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA
7:00 PM - VE TESTING @ 6:00 PM - DOOR PRIZES
REFRESHMENTS
Pay your dues if not so done already!

COMPLEMENTARY
ISSUE

Country Chicken Piccata

(from July month of Teche Federal Bank Calendar)

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| 1/4 cup milk | 6 tablespoons butter |
| 1 egg, slightly beaten | 1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh garlic |
| 1/3 cup crushed corn flakes | 2 tablespoons lemon juice |
| 1/3 cup all purpose flour | 1 cup fresh mushrooms, halved |
| 1/4 teaspoon pepper | 1 cup sliced 1-inch green onions |
| 4 (4 oz. each) boneless skinless chicken breasts | |

Combine milk and egg in small bowl. Combine crushed corn flakes, flour, salt and pepper in 9-inch pie pan. Flatten each chicken breast to 1/4 inch thickness by pounding between sheets of waxed paper. Dip chicken into milk mixture, then flour mixture, turning to coat.

Melt 4 tablespoons butter in 10-inch skillet until sizzling, add chicken and garlic. Cook over medium heat, turning occasionally, until gold brown (5 to 6 minutes). Remove chicken to serving platter, keep warm.

Add remaining 2 tablespoons butter to drippings in pan, stir until butter is melted. Stir in lemon juice. Add mushrooms and green onions. Continue cooking, stirring occasionally, until heated through (2 to 4 minutes). Spoon over chicken. Garnish with lemon slices and parsley, if desired.

Submit your favorite recipes to Herman KN5GRK
kn5grk@bellsouth.net



FCC LICENSE INFO SERVICE

The FCC toll-free (WATS) number for Amateur Radio license inquiries - including inquiries about vanity and new call signs. The number, 888-225-5322, will connect callers to the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at 202-414-1250 or ulscmm@fcc.gov. Web site:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New callsign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is: Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg PA 17325-7245